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COLONEL ACCUSED IN GREEK INQUIRY

Held as Conspirator in Army
Group's Secret Moves

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ATHENS, Dec. 10—An Army colonel was arrested today and charged with conspiracy as investigators pressed proceeding against Aspida, a secret political organization in the Greek Army.

Col. Ioannis Hondrokoukis, a tank corps senior officer serving in Salonika, northern Greece, was held after an interview with the army magistrate investigating the Aspida affair.

Since Tuesday two other colonels and a captain have been arrested on charges of "conspiring to revolt."

Discovery of the alleged Aspida plot in May rocked the nation and precipitated Greece's political crisis in July.

Many Officers Arrested

An initial inquiry by the military chief justice, Gen. Ioannis Simos, had led to the arrest of 11 junior officers, captains and lieutenants, who had taken the oath of this Nasser-style political organization.

The oath of Aspida, which means shield but is made up of the initials for Greek words meaning "Officers save country and democratic ideals and rule by the worthy," committed its members to be ready to sacrifice their lives for "rule by the worthy and social justice" in Greece.

General Simos acknowledged in his report that he had failed to discover the leaders or to explain fully the aims of the secret society.

Arrested officers alleged that Aspida was serving the political ambitions of Prof. Andreas Papandreou, 46-year-old son of former Premier George Papandreou, who was a key member of his father's Cabinet. The investigators questioned the professor under oath.